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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

UNAMSIL (S/2004/965)

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait (S/2004/961)

Other matters

Morning[1] . . . . . 5101st meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/2004/948)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

General Assembly
Fifty-ninth session

General Committee

The 7th informal meeting (closed) of the General Committee will be held on Thursday, 16 December 2004 at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber (see p. 6).

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General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

3 p.m. 72nd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community: draft resolution (A/59/L.42) [56 (s)]
2. Culture of peace: draft resolutions (A/59/L.17/Rev.1 and A/59/L.21) [35]
3. Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolutions (A/59/L.49) [39 (a)]
4. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [21]
   (a) Letter from Canada transmitting the report of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (A/59/590)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/59/L.46)

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 31st meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [108]

   Construction of additional conference facilities at Vienna International Centre (A/C.5/59/23)

   Revised estimates and programme budget implications: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/59/24)
2. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [111]

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/59/L.19
3. United Nations pension system [117]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.14

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Item 108 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005):

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives, authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/59/534/Add.1, A/59/534/Add.2, A/59/569/Add.1 and A/59/569/Add.2);

First performance report for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1 and A/59/601);

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/59/433, A/59/560 and A/59/579);

[1] Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Committee.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.26: Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/C.5/59/16 and A59/579);

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.49: Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar (A/C.5/59/19 and A/59/597);

Programme budget implications arising from the decision of the Chairman of the Sixth Committee at its 27th meeting of 19 November 2004: International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings (A/C.5/59/20 and A/59/597);

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.31 (as orally revised): International convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/C.5/59/21 and A/59/597);

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.29/Rev.1: Rights of the child (A/C.5/59/22 and A/59/597); and

Programme budget implications of draft resolution of recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/C.5/59/13 and A/59/567)

Item 107 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations):

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/59/415 and A/59/600)

Item 108 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005):

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/59/90 and A/59/551);

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (A/C.5/59/3, A/C.5/59/3/Corr.1, A/C.5/59/3/Add.1, A/59/553 and A/59/553/Corr.1);

Financial viability of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/59/271);

Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: status of implementation (A/59/536 and A/59/558); and

Construction of additional conference facilities at Vienna International Centre (A/C.5/59/23)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

1. Item 115 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/59/34, A/59/75, A/59/349, A/58/343, A/58/343/Add.1, A/58/343/Add.2, A/C.5/59/CRP.1 and A/C.5/59/CRP.2))
2. Item 116 (United Nations common system (A/59/30 (Vol. III), A/59/153, A/59/399, A/59/429 and A/59/522))
3. Item 112 (Pattern of conferences (A/59/32, A/59/159, A/59/159/Add.1, A/59/172, A/59/418, A/59/133, A/59/133/Corr.1, A/58/435, A/58/435/Add.1 and A/58/620))

4. Item 109 (Programme planning (A/59/16, A/59/87, A/59/6 (Part One), A/59/6 (Part One)/Corr.1, A/59/6 (Prog. 2), A/59/6 (Prog. 3), A/59/6 (Prog. 4), A/59/6 (Prog. 5), A/59/6 (Prog. 6), A/59/6 (Prog. 7), A/59/6 (Prog. 8), A/59/6 (Prog. 9), A/59/6 (Prog. 10)/Rev.1, A/59/6 (Prog. 11), A/59/6 (Prog. 12), A/59/6 (Prog. 13), A/59/6 (Prog. 14), A/59/6 (Prog. 15), A/59/6 (Prog. 16), A/59/6 (Prog. 17), A/59/6 (Prog. 18), A/59/6 (Prog. 19), A/59/6 (Prog. 20), A/59/6 (Prog. 21), A/59/6 (Prog. 22), A/59/6 (Prog. 22)/Corr.1, A/59/6 (Prog. 23), A/59/6 (Prog. 24), A/59/6 (Prog. 25), A/59/6 (Prog. 26), A/59/69, A/59/79, A/C.5/59/13, A/C.5/59/14, A/C.5/59/15, A/C.5/59/17 and A/59/567))

5. Item 114 (Human resources management (A/59/263, A/59/263/Add.1, A/59/263/Add.2, A/59/357, A/59/211, A/59/264, A/59/291, A/59/446, A/59/217, A/59/222; A/58/666; A/59/299, A/C.5/58/L.13, A/58/283, A/59/213, A/59/213/Add.1, A/C.5/59/CRP.3, A/C.5/59/4, A/59/388, A/59/253, A/59/152, A/58/704, A/56/956, A/56/956/Add.1, A/59/65 and A/59/65/Add.1))

6. Item 118 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/59/359, A/58/364, A/58/785, A/57/747 and A/57/747/Corr.1))

7. Item 119 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218B and 54/244)

8. Item 108 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005): Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/539 and A/59/396))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . DC1-21st floor

United Development Programme (UNDP)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Modalities, format and organization of high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly

2. Draft report

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Second Committee
Informal "informals"

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium), on the draft resolution on agenda item 88 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries), will be held *today*, 15 December 2004, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon), on the draft resolution on agenda item 89 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)), will be held *today*, 15 December 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room D.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 15 December 2004

Group of 77 *(all outstanding issues before the Second Committee)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on operational activities for development: triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Consultations on Programme 19 of the Proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 (A/59/6 (Prog. 19)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (under agenda item 38 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Announcements

Fourth Open Forum for Partnerships on "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the Least Developed Countries"

The Office of the United Nations High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) announces that it will hold its Fourth Open Forum for Partnerships on "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the Least Developed Countries", *today*, 15 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6. A presentation will be made by Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director of The Earth Institute, Columbia University, Director of the Millennium Project and Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 15 December 2004

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 16 December 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

General Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 7th informal meeting (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Briefing by the President of the General Assembly on the preparatory process for the 2005 high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

Main Committees

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its 40th meeting on Thursday, 16 December 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to: (a) take action on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/59/L.25 (item 83 (a)), A/C.2/59/L.2 (item 83 (b)), A/C.2/59/L.26 (item 83 (d)), A/C.2/59/L.4 (item 84), A/C.2/59/L.20 (item 87 (a)), A/C.2/59/L.42 (item 88 (a)), A/C.2/59/L.56 (item 89), A/C.2/59/L.50 (item 89 (a)), A/C.2/59/L.28 and A/C.2/59/L.63 (item 90); (b) approve the provisional programme of work for the Second Committee at the sixtieth session of the General Assembly (A/C.2/59/CRP.1); and (c) conclude the work of the Second Committee.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 16 December 2004, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

Briefing

At a public meeting of the Security Council on Friday, 17 December 2004, the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities will hold a briefing pursuant to paragraph 12 of resolution 1526 (2004). Member States wishing to make statements at the meeting about their experiences in implementing the sanctions measures stipulated in paragraph 1 of resolution 1526 (2004) and any other issues related to the mandate of the Committee are invited to contact the Chairman's office (Ms. Carla Serazzi (e-mail CSerazzi@chileun.org; fax 1 (212) 832-8714)) and the Committee secretariat (Ms. Tatiana Cosio (e-mail Cosio@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-1300 or 963-3778)).

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, together with the Commonwealth of Independent States, will hold in Almaty (Kazakhstan) from Wednesday to Friday, 26 to 28 January 2005, its fourth special meeting with international, regional and sub-regional organizations (open to Member States and invitees). All Member States are welcome to attend as observers. Interested Member States are kindly requested to contact the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan (tel. 1 (212) 230-1900, extensions 20 or 13).

General Assembly

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005

The Secretary-General of the United Nations International Meeting would like to inform all concerned that the International Meeting will be held *at the Swami Vivekananda International Convention Center, at Les Pailles, Mauritius,* from 10 to 14 January 2005. It will be preceded by two days of informal consultations in Mauritius on Saturday and Sunday, 8 and 9 January. The high-level segment will be held on Thursday and Friday, 13 and 14 January.

Lists of speakers

Plenary interactive panels

There will be no speakers' lists for the interactive panels organized in the plenary, scheduled to take place from Monday, 10 January, to Wednesday, 12 January. The Panels will address the following themes: The Environmental Vulnerabilities of Small Island Developing States; The Special Challenges of Small Island Developing States in Trade and Economic Development; The Role of Culture in the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; Addressing Emerging Trends and Social Challenges for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; and Building Resilience in Small Island Developing States.

High-level segment general debate

The list of speakers for the high-level segment of the International Meeting, to be held on 13 and 14 January 2005, is open for the general debate under item 8 of the provisional agenda entitled, "Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States". Statements would be presented by Heads of State or Government or their high-level appointees, on the basis of the list to be drawn up by the Secretariat in accordance with established practice. It has been recommended that statements not exceed five minutes. Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation for the speakers' list to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org).

High-level segment round tables

There will be two round tables on the overall theme "The Way Forward".

Round table 1, to be held on Thursday, 13 January, from 3 to 6 p.m., will highlight resources; and *Round table 2*, to be held on Friday, 14 January, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will highlight capacity-building and technology transfer.

Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation and the round table to which they would like to inscribe to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org). Each interactive round table would have 40-50 participants and would be open to Heads of State or Government or their high-level appointees.

Economic and Social Council

Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics will take place on Thursday, 16 December 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri (Malta), with the following agenda: (a) Web site dedicated to the Permanent Missions in New York; (b) Request by the Military and Civilian Police Advisers' Community; (c) Improvement of communications within regional groups; and (d) Ongoing initiatives in the Secretariat.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (17-19 January 2005) will take place on Monday, 10 January 2005, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2005/1. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 2005

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 17 to 19 January 2005 in Conference Room 2, at the United Nations Headquarters.

The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2005/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_23930.html).

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 14 January 2005.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Joint meeting with the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and WFP

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA, with the participation of WFP, will be held on Thursday, 20 January, and on Monday, 24 January 2005, in Conference Room 2.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Pre-session informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will hold its pre-session informal consultation on all matters before the first regular session 2005, on Monday, 10 January 2005, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

First regular session 2005

The first regular session 2005 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Tuesday, 25 January, to Friday, 28 January 2005, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2005/L.1. Member States as well as observers and other organizations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA (fax 1 (212) 906-5634) as early as possible, but not later than 14 January 2005.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Thursday, 20 January, and on Monday, 24 January 2005, in Conference Room 2. Prior to the convening of the joint meeting, there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Thursday, 20 January, at 10 a.m., to elect its new Bureau for 2005.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution on multilingualism (under agenda item 156) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on multilingualism (under agenda item 156), organized by the Permanent Mission of France, on Thursday, 16 December 2004, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures)

There will a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures) on Thursday, 16 December 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Arab Group of the Whole

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole on Thursday, 16 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Asian Group of the Whole

There will be a meeting of the Asian Group of the Whole on Thursday, 16 December 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

There will be a meeting of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) on Friday, 17 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Special forum on "Protection of human rights of migrants" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the Subcommittee on Immigrants and Refugees of the NGO Committee on Human Rights)

A special forum on "Protection of human rights of migrants", organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the Subcommittee on Immigrants and Refugees of the NGO Committee on Human Rights, will be held on Friday, 17 December from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of Permanent Missions and United Nations agencies and organizations, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Announcements

Multi-stakeholder consultation on "Sovereign debt for sustained development: Issues for countries that access financial markets"

There will be a multi-stakeholder consultation on "Sovereign debt for sustained development: Issues for countries that access financial markets", organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, at United Nations Headquarters, on Monday and Tuesday, 31 January and 1 February 2005. The consultation will comprise a series of informal meetings, including panel discussions and interactive round tables, with the participation of experts from the official and private sectors, as well as academia and civil society, as mandated by General Assembly resolution 58/230. *Delegations wishing to nominate individuals with appropriate expertise to act as panellists and/or round-table participants are kindly invited to submit the name and curriculum vitae of the proposed expert to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; or e-mail ffdoffice@un.org), by Friday, 31 December 2004.* Information on the modalities and background documentation of the event is available at www.un.org/esa/ffd/09multi-stake-consul-flyer-debt.htm.

High-level round tables to be convened during the high-level plenary meetings of the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development

The forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development will be held at Headquarters from 9 to 18 February 2005. In its resolution 2004/58, the Economic and Social Council decided that the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development should convene high-level plenary meetings open to the participation of all United Nations Member States and observers on the 10-year review of the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly. *The high-level plenary meetings will be held on 10 and 11 February 2005. In this regard, three high-level round tables will be convened on eradication of poverty, promoting full employment and fostering social integration*. Information on these three round tables, as well as other background information for the forty-third session of the Commission, is available for pick-up outside room DC2-1320. For further information, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/csocd2005.htm.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 December 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Background information on a report of the Secretary-General

The report of the Secretary-General on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/59/545 and can also be found on the United Nations Web site (www.un.org/SG).

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

Copies of UNU-Wider Study on "New Sources of Development Finance"

Copies of the recently released UNU-WIDER Study on "New Sources of Development Finance" can be obtained from the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-2386) (limited to one copy for each Permanent Mission).

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 14 December 2004

Security Council

5100th meeting

Protection of civilians in armed conflict

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Argentina, Bangladesh, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Honduras, Japan, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Peru and Switzerland, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jan Egeland, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Spain, Chile, Pakistan, France, China, the Philippines, the United Kingdom, Germany, the United States, Romania, Benin, Brazil, Angola and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Algeria.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Council heard statements made by the representatives of Japan, Canada, the Netherlands (speaking on behalf of the European Union, the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia, the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and

Montenegro, and the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement).

Statements were also made by the representatives of Egypt, Switzerland, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Peru, Nigeria, Kenya, Honduras, Liechtenstein, Argentina, Côte d'Ivoire, New Zealand and Colombia.

Mr. Egeland responded to comments and questions raised.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2004/46).

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

39th meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including economic assistance . . . . . [39]

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.37/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the representatives of Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Brazil, Canada, France, Greece, Guyana, India, Ireland, Japan, Lebanon, Nigeria, Philippines, Serbia and Montenegro and Zambia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Angola in which he introduced oral revisions to the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 39 (b) and item 39 as a whole.

Sustainable development . . . . . [85]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.16 and A/C.2/59/L.62

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Ewa Anzorge (Poland), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.62, which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.16.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.62, draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.16 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(h) Rendering assistance to poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.61/Rev.1

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Kyrgyzstan.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 85 (h) and item 85 as a whole.

Globalization and interdependence . . . . . [87]

(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.22 and A/C.2/59/L.67

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Antonio Bernardini (Italy), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.67, which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.22.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.67, draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.22 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(d) Culture and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Oral decision

On the proposal by the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of the report contained in document A/59/202.

Eradication of poverty and other development issues . . . . . [89]

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.49 and A/C.2/59/L.64

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.64, which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.49.

A statement was made by the representative of Peru after which the Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

(c) Industrial development cooperation

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.47 and A/C.2/59/L.66

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.66, which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.47.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Training and research . . . . . [92]

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.51 and A/C.2/59/L.65

The Rapporteur of the Committee, Mr. Azanaw Tadesse Abreha (Ethiopia), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.65, which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.51.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

(b) United Nations University

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.35/Rev.1

Algeria, Botswana, Cape Verde, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Eritrea, India, Lesotho, Mongolia, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Sudan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Yemen and Zimbabwe subsequently joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Japan orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Secretary made a statement.

Fifth Committee

30th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda.

The Controller introduced the reports of the Secretary-General on the first performance report for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/59/578 and A/59/578/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/59/601).

Statements were made by the representatives the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States, Cuba, Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group) and Canada.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Tuesday, 14 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Ms. Dewi Savitri Wahab (Indonesia).

Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: status of implementation

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/59/336).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/59/558).

Statements were made by the representatives of China, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States, Cuba, Nigeria, Tunisia, Japan, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union) and Canada.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 . . . . . [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.15, which had been coordinated by the representative of Australia.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 . . . . . [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.16, which had been coordinated by the representative of Australia.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Germany (13 December 2004)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Notification under articles 5 (3), 16 (5), 18 (14) and 31 (6) of the Convention: Panama (13 December 2004)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Notification under article 8 (6) of the Protocol: Panama (13 December 2004)[1]

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Notification under article 13 of the Protocol: Panama (13 December 2004)[1]

United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property
New York, 2 December 2004

Opening for signature

In accordance with its articles 28 and 33, the above Convention shall be open for signature by all States from 17 January 2005 until 17 January 2007, at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued by one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: http://untreaty.un.org.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on "Treats and challenges of weapons of mass destruction – How do we respond?", on Thursday, 16 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1.

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S/2004/962	Third progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Côte d'Ivoire [A C E F R S]
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